



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

September 25, 1998

**S. 2351**

**A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on September 23, 1998*

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2351 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. Because the bill could affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we expect that net changes in direct spending would be negligible. S. 2351 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 2351 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to correct the map of the Cape Henlopen Unit of the Coastal Barrier Resources System. The proposed correction would revise the boundary of this unit to include an additional 245 acres of state park lands and exclude about 32 acres of developed property. This change would provide additional environmental protection for the state park and would enable local property owners occupying the excluded acreage to obtain federal flood insurance. Once insurance policies have been written on the affected property, offsetting collections into the national flood insurance fund from premiums would increase by less than \$50,000 per year. Collections would be partially offset by new mandatory spending for underwriting and administrative expenses. The federal government may also incur additional costs for losses associated with any future floods that might affect this land, but CBO has no basis for predicting such floods or their resulting costs.

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